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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on December 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Whiteriver Unified School District ABC Day Care Classroom, 422 S. 2nd Ave., Whiteriver, AZ 85941.

Chair Massey, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 3:26 p.m.

Members Present:

Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Laurel Endfield, Mary Kline, Kirk Massey, Jr., and Faye Smith

Members Absent: Velma Kaytoggy

Other Attendees: Rachel Daffara, Kate Dobler-Allen, Mona Eleando, Claude Endfield, Julie Fitzgerald, Ranelda Hastings, Rochelle Lacapa, Iralene Tortice, and Maureen Theobald

Discussion and Possible Adoption of the November 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Chair Massey, Jr., reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 16, 2009. Vice Chair Endfield motioned that the minutes of the November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Member Kline seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

- A. Ms. Ranelda Hastings, Johns Hopkins – Ms. Hastings discussed the support boxes they are distributing and stated they are running into barriers for people qualifying because of the eligibility criteria. Ms. Hastings further noted that 60 people have applied but only four have met the eligibility criteria. After discussion, the members directed Coordinator Lacapa to look into modifying the eligibility criteria.
- B. Ms. Julie Fitzgerald and Ms. Rachel Daffara, Association for Supported Child Care – Ms. Fitzgerald wished to introduce Ms. Daffara as a new *Quality First* Coach, who will be attending future Regional Partnership Council meetings.
- C. Ms. Claude Endfield and Ms. Mona Eleando, Northland Pioneer College – Ms. Endfield stated she and Ms. Eleando attended a First Things First meeting recently regarding the Evaluation Project and the pre- and post-tests that are being developed. Ms. Endfield stated she found the meeting informative.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Needs & Assets Vendor Selection Process

Coordinator Lacapa explained the following options for choosing a vendor for the Needs & Assets Report:

- A. The members could review the potential vendors and make a selection in January
- B. The members could have Coordinator Lacapa review the vendors and bring a recommendation to the January meeting.

(The members took a brief break from approximately 3:50 p.m. to 3:57 p.m.)

Vice Chair Endfield preferred that Coordinator Lacapa provide a summary of the applicants to the members. After further discussion, Chair Massey, Jr., called for a motion. Member Kline moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council appoint Coordinator Lacapa to review the Needs & Assets vendors and bring a recommendation to the Regional Partnership Council for approval. Member Burnette seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Update on SFY2010 Unallocated Food Box Funds

Based on the discussion held during last month's Regional Partnership Council meeting, Coordinator Lacapa contacted Johns Hopkins, who will modify the support boxes and utilize the previously unallocated \$4,088 for food boxes.

Update on December State Board Meeting and Decision Regarding the SFY 2011 Regional Funding Plan

Chair Massey, Jr., stated the SFY 2011 Regional Funding Plan he presented to the State Board on December 8, 2009 was approved. Coordinator Lacapa noted that across the State, the Communications portion of the funding plans was not approved, pending the Statewide Communications Plan; once this is determined, all will be presented to the State Board for approval.

Update on Regional Partnership Council Member Recruitment Efforts

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the list of contacts she's made to recruit new members to fill the vacant seats. Coordinator Lacapa noted there will be an interview with Ms. Ranelda Hastings this week.

Coordinator's Reports

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed her list of meetings in the community and the newspaper articles submitted to *The Apache Scout* during the past month.

Items for the Good of the Order

The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the Whiteriver Unified School District Day Care. All members wished Coordinator Lacapa a Happy Birthday!

Adjourn

Having no further business, Chair Massey, Jr., adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Approved:


Kirk Massey, Jr., Chair


Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator